



THE
AMERICAN
CONSERVATIVE
UNION

July 9, 2014

The Honorable Lee Terry
Chairman
Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing and Trade
Energy and Commerce Committee
2125 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Terry:

The American Conservative Union is pleased to support the Targeting Rogue and Opaque Letters (TROL) Act of 2014. This bill carefully targets deceptive and fraudulent practices in asserting patent rights while protecting the legitimate rights of patent holders to protect their intellectual property.

While adding these deceptive practices to those already under Federal Trade Commission Jurisdiction, the definition of these practices is clearly defined and not left to the discretion of government bureaucrats. It also provides an affirmative defense for those patent holders acting in good faith who may have not included all the information required.

ACU has always been strongly committed to protecting intellectual property rights. This legislation in its present form does that while taking needed action against abusive practices that are harmful to small business. We urge members of the Subcommittee to support this bill.

Sincerely,

Larry Hart
Director of Government Relations
American Conservative Union